(b) the amount disbursed for the development of these Kendras during each of the last three years; and

(c) the reasons for keeping these Kendras just as a relay Kendra?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) All India Radio, Rajkot is equipped with 300 KW MW High Power Transmitter for main channel and 1 KW MW Transmitter for Vividh Bharati Service. It has Type-III Studios and is a fulfledged regional station. There is no All India Radio Station at Porbandar.

(b) During the last three years, i.e. 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97, expenditure to the tune of Rs. 172.69 lakhs, Rs. 180.62 lakhs and Rs. 198.37% lakhs, respectively has been incurred on operation and maintenance of AIR, Rajkot Station.

(c) All India Radio, Rajkot is a fulfleged Radio Station.

Cleanliness at Bangalore City Railway Station

2467. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are no proper arrangements for cleanliness at the Bangalore City Railway station;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether there is any proposal to impose fine on those who sp it or throw garbages at the Railway stations; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Proper arrangements for cleanliness do exist at the Station.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) Punitive provisions already exist in the law for prosecuting the persons indulging in acts of spitting, defecating, urinating and throwing litter etc. in station premises and in trains at other than nominated places, toilets/urinals, wastebins/garbagebins etc. Railway have been directed to invoke these provisions, wherever necessary.

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Construction of Over Bridge in Kota

2468. VAIDYA DAU DAYAL JOSHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken a decision to construct an over bridge at level crossing on National Highway at Kulhari in Kota District of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether the half of the cost is to be borne by the State Government;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be constructed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The proposal is to take up the work on deposit terms i.e. Rajasthan State Electricity Board has to bear full cost of the work.

(d) Depends upon receipt of firm proposal from Rajasthan State Electricity Board.

Gram Panchayat Telephones

2469. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA' : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the scheme of providing telephone facility to each Gram Panchayat is not being implemented in the hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by when telephone facility is likely to be provided to the Gram Panchayats of district Almora and Pithauragarh?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) to (c) No, Sir, the scheme of providing public telephone is being implemented as per DOT policy for providing public telephone in every village including Gram Panchayats. All villages including Gram Panchayats will be covered by the end of Ninth Plan period.

Railway Stations/Junctions

2470. SHRI PUNNU LAL MOHLE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of railway stations/junctions in Bhopal, Bilaspur, Jabalpur railway divisions of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the details of the platforms of the stations among the above junctions/stations where tea stall, contracts of refreshment stalls, milk parlour, Book stall and Telephone Booths have been allotted to the educated unemployed and handicapped persons belonging to scheduled castes/ scheduled tribes;

(c) the policy adopted by the Government in regard to providing the said contracts;

(d) the percentage of reservation provided in these contracts;